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SENATE BILL

No. 1553

Introduced by Senator Murray

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Sections 660 and 9250 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1553, as amended, Murray. Registration fee.

Existing law imposes a \$31 registration fee for the registration of a vehicle, as defined, or trailer coach of a type subject to registration under the Vehicle Code.

This bill would revise the registration fee for a vehicle or a trailer coach in accordance with a schedule that is based on a vehicle's unladen weight. *The bill would exempt from the payment of these registration fees a commercial motor vehicle with an unladen weight of 10,000 lbs. or less that is required to pay specified unladen weight fees.* The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicle to deposit the amount of the fee collected in excess of \$31 into the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund for the repair of existing highways.

This bill would make a conforming change.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 660 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

660. The “unladen weight” of a vehicle is the weight equipped and ready for operation on the road including the body, fenders, oil in motor, radiator full of water, with five gallons of gasoline or equivalent weight of other motor fuel; also equipment required by law, and unless exempted under Section 66l, any special cabinets, boxes or body parts permanently attached to the vehicle, and any machinery, equipment or attachment which is attendant to the efficient operation of the body or vehicle. Unladen weight does not include a load or machinery or mechanical apparatus, including, but not limited to, wood saws, well-drilling machines, spray apparatus, tow truck cranes, and grinding equipment. The unladen weight of a vehicle has no application in determining a fee under this code, other than Sections 9250 and 9400, or the Revenue and Taxation Code.

SEC. 2. Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

9250. (a) A registration fee shall be paid to the department for the registration of a vehicle or trailer coach of a type that is subject to registration under this code, except a vehicle that is expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees, in accordance with the following schedule:

Unladen Vehicle Weight:	Registration Fee:
0000 lbs. and including 3000 lbs.	\$31
3001 lbs. to and including 4000 lbs.	\$51
4001 lbs. to and including 5000 lbs.	\$71
5001 lbs. to and including 6000 lbs.	\$91
6001 lbs. to and including 7000 lbs.	\$111
7001 lbs. to and including 8000 lbs.	\$131
8001 lbs. to and including 9000 lbs.	\$151

9001 lbs. to and including 10000 lbs. \$171

10,001 lbs. and more \$191

(b) The registration fee imposed under subdivision (a) applies to a vehicle described in Section 5004, whether or not special identification plates are issued to that vehicle.

(c) A trailer coach is subject to the fee provided in subdivision (a) for each unit of the trailer coach.

(d) This section applies to all of the following:

(1) The initial or original registration, on or after January 1, 2007, of a vehicle not previously registered in this state.

(2) The renewal of registration of a vehicle for which the registration period expires on or after January 1, 2007, regardless of whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered owner prior to January 1, 2007.

(3) The renewal of a registration that expired on or before December 31, 2006, but for which the fees are not paid until on or after January 1, 2007.

(e) This section does not apply to a commercial motor vehicle that is required to pay unladen weight fees under Section 9400.

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(f) The department shall deposit the amount of the fee, collected pursuant to subdivision (a), in excess of thirty-one dollars (\$31), into the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund for the repair of existing highways.